

Hello,

One of the best parts of my job is always learning something new and helping gardeners find the best plant options for their gardens and landscapes.

Thanks for joining me for Vertical Gardens and here is a bit of follow up  
Melinda

### **Small Trees by water feature**

Here are just a few to consider. Make sure the one you select is hardy. Keep in mind the leaves and flowers will drop to the ground which may be a concern in your water feature or just require you to do a bit of cleanup.

### ***Small Deciduous Trees***

Pagoda dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*) <https://mortonarb.org/plant-and-protect/trees-and-plants/pagoda-dogwood/> – needs moist soil, mulch to help keep roots cool and moist and it does benefit from some afternoon shade

Mary Potter, Tina or Sargent Crabapples – this chart [https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/JFS\\_CRAB\\_CHART.pdf](https://jfschmidt.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/JFS_CRAB_CHART.pdf) shows shape and size

Ruby Fall Redbud <https://www.monrovia.com/ruby-falls-weeping-redbud.html?srsId=AfmBOorZUXlvI3SDtmyyvO7BrTa4I3wt0x0zbQc81ZQvheX429hdzWj1>

Little Girl Series Magnolia  
[https://www.usna.usda.gov/assets/images/as\\_pdf\\_image/Magnolias.pdf](https://www.usna.usda.gov/assets/images/as_pdf_image/Magnolias.pdf)

Dwarf Japanese Maple <https://www.monrovia.com/be-inspired/best-dwarf-japanese-maples.html>

### ***Dwarf evergreens***

Evergreens provide year round greenery and come in various sizes and shapes but dwarf cultivars are slow growing. You might find this information helpful

Dwarf Evergreens for Any Size Landscape <https://www.melindamyers.com/audio-video/melindas-garden-moment-audio-tips/trees-shrubs-roses/dwarf-evergreens-for-any-size-landscape>

Designing with Dwarf Conifers <https://www.finegardening.com/article/designing-with-dwarf-conifers>

Conifers to Consider [https://www.finegardening.com/article/conifers-to-consider#:~:text=Dwarf%20Korean%20fir%20\(Abies%20koreana%20'Silberlocke'%2C%20Zones,feet%20tall%20and%20around%203%20feet%20wide.](https://www.finegardening.com/article/conifers-to-consider#:~:text=Dwarf%20Korean%20fir%20(Abies%20koreana%20'Silberlocke'%2C%20Zones,feet%20tall%20and%20around%203%20feet%20wide.)

## **Fast Growing Evergreens for Mid Missouri (Zone 6)**

Star Power Juniper <https://kb.jnplants.com/star-power-juniper-juniperus-jn-select-blue>  
I mentioned in the webinar is a fast grower

Green Giant Arborvitae [https://shop.arborday.org/green-giant-arborvitae?srsltid=AfmBOoq-S23pME-low-KmLqNOfgj02iaAlljpN\\_OA5st2FE7JJmZ4rV](https://shop.arborday.org/green-giant-arborvitae?srsltid=AfmBOoq-S23pME-low-KmLqNOfgj02iaAlljpN_OA5st2FE7JJmZ4rV)  
more deer resistant than American arborvitae

Full Speed A Hedge American Pillar Arborvitae [https://shop.arborday.org/full-speed-a-hedge-american-pillar?srsltid=AfmBOop3ApJIRtmk8fE2SmMDtb8-VThoR8cDHa2vtZv\\_cEuZ2h2oMoKH](https://shop.arborday.org/full-speed-a-hedge-american-pillar?srsltid=AfmBOop3ApJIRtmk8fE2SmMDtb8-VThoR8cDHa2vtZv_cEuZ2h2oMoKH)

Leyland Cypress

<https://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=a161> hardy in zone 6 to 10

## **Finding Nurseries Near Denver**

University Extension Services

Ask the Expert in Colorado <https://ask.extension.org> They may be able to help

Botanic Gardens & Arboretums Often provide lists of local nurseries

Denver Botanic Gardens <https://www.botanicgardens.org> is a great botanic garden and your sister will find lots of plants suitable for her location

Low Water Native Plants for Colorado Gardens

<https://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/native/FrontRange.pdf> from Colorado State University

Plant Select program recommends plants for the Colorado growing conditions

<https://plantselect.org>

News articles rating best nurseries in Denver area <https://kdvr.com/news/local/list-10-highest-rated-plant-nurseries-near-denver/> and <https://denverinsider.org/best-nurseries-in-denver>